

HB 1499 -- LONG-ACTING CONTRACEPTIVES

SPONSOR: Dogan

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill permits a long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) that is prescribed to and obtained for a MO HealthNet participant to be transferred to another MO HealthNet participant if the LARC was not delivered to, implanted in, or used on the original MO HealthNet participant to whom the LARC was prescribed. In order for a LARC to be transferred, certain provisions must be met as specified in the bill.

This bill is the same as HB 774, HB 1188 (2017) and HB 2775 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that allowing a health center to use a LARC that is not picked up by a patient saves MO HealthNet money and would allow a new patient to receive the LARC on the same day she visits the doctor because the doctor will have previously abandoned LARCs on the shelf.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dogan; Coleen Jones, Family Care Health Center; Naral Pro-Choice Missouri; Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri; Missouri Family Health Council; and Missouri Section -- ACOG.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.